CARET COALITION
The Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET) is a national grassroots coalition of volunteer advocates created in 1982 by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU)’ Board on Agricultural Assembly (BAA). CARET’s mission is to educate and advocate on behalf of the land-grant system colleges of agriculture and related national priorities for funding for research, Extension, and teaching programs.

Who are CARET Delegates?
CARET delegates are agribusiness leaders, agricultural producers, commodity and specialty crop organization principles, conservation advisers, influential consumers, members of agricultural advisory boards, state and local officials, and young or beginning farmers.

Delegates are identified and nominated by the BAA’s Administrative Heads Section (AHS), who represent the deans of the colleges of agriculture. CARET and AHS members communicate throughout the year regarding local, regional, and statewide concerns, as well as impacts from the successful funding of competitive and capacity programs.

“The Land-grant System is vital to providing food, fiber, energy, and a healthy and habitable environment to our world, country, and communities.”
— Pennsylvania CARET Delegate

WHAT WE DO
CARET is dedicated to improving national support and understanding of the important role played by land-grant colleges in the food and agricultural systems, as well as the profound consequences of that role for the U.S. food supply and the nation.

Research
“Without research, we will not progress with better technologies, crop varieties, pest management strategies, and the list goes on.”

Extension
“Without Extension, all of the research knowledge and work are in vain if the broader community are not informed of the latest and best ideas and techniques.”

Teaching
“Without teaching we won’t have the scientists and researchers, Extension agents, and producers of tomorrow.”
— Michigan CARET Delegate

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